



### DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DRINK USING SEAWATER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME; PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/07095, Filed in the Japanese Receiving Office on December 17, 1999; the documentation for entry into the U.S. national phase of which was filed on August 14, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/913,799;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

#### PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Priority  
Claimed

No.: **11-35145**

Country: **Japan**

Date Filed: **02/15/99**

**Yes**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's signature

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yoshinari Ikegami, et al. )  
App. No. : 09/913,799 )  
Filed : August 14, 2001 )  
For : DRINK USING SEAWATER AND )  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE )  
SAME )  
Examiner : Unknown )

ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION  
AND  
REVOCATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee"). A true copy of the original Assignment of the above-captioned application from the inventor(s) to the Assignee is attached hereto. This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventor(s) to the Assignee.

I declare that all statements made herein are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issuing thereon.

The undersigned hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney in the subject application, and hereby appoints the registrants of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, 620 Newport Center Drive, Sixteenth Floor, Newport Beach, California 92660, Telephone (949) 760-0404, Customer No. 20,995, as its attorneys with full power of substitution and

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revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. This appointment is to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and his attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

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Ako Kasei Co., Ltd.

Dated: 20th. September, 2001 By: 池上良成

Title: President

Address: 329-banchi, Sagoshi, Ako-city, Hyogo  
678-0172 Japan

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Yoshinari Ikegami, a Japanese citizen, residing at c/o Ako Kasei Co., Ltd., 329-banchi, Sagoshi, Ako-city, Hyogo 678-0172, Japan, Hiroshi Tabuchi, a Japanese citizen, residing at c/o Ako Kasei Co., Ltd., 329-banchi, Sagoshi, Ako-city, Hyogo 678-0172, Japan, and Koji Nakagawa, a Japanese citizen, residing at c/o Ako Kasei Co., Ltd., 329-banchi, Sagoshi, Ako-city, Hyogo 678-0172, Japan, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a DRINK USING SEAWATER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME which we have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, on August 14, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/913,799;

AND WHEREAS, Ako Kasei Co., Ltd., (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Japan Corporation, with its principal place of business at 329-banchi, Sagoshi, Ako-city, Hyogo 678-0172, Japan desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

This 20th day of September, 2001

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Yoshinari Ikegami

This 20th day of September, 2001

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Hiroshi Tabuchi

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